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### Stewart Copeland presentation rescheduled

Due to weather delays, Thursday's presentation with composer Stewart Copeland was postponed and has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Friday in Corder Auditorium on the Manchester University's North Manchester campus.

### Wabash Plain Dealer's new website now available

Check out our new website at [www.wabashplaindealer.com](http://www.wabashplaindealer.com) and let us know what you think. If you had an account on our previous site, you will need to create a new account. If you registered with the same email address we will be able to locate your previous subscription as well. Once registered, you can also verify your subscription. Please contact [web.support@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:web.support@wabashplaindealer.com) with any questions. Thank you!

### Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

### Wabash VFW Post 286 to host breaded tenderloin dinner

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 is set to host a breaded tenderloin dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at 3678 W. Old 24. The cost will be \$9 per person, it open to the public and car-rout will be available. The menu will include hand-breaded tenderloin, french fries and coleslaw. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

### Visit Wabash County to celebrate Margie Hostetler's retirement

Visit Wabash County has invited the public to stop and to wish Hostetler a happy retirement between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St.

### Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Saturday, Feb. 29 in

## Man in Sunday helicopter crash dies Tuesday

Accident now being investigated by the FAA and NTSB

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A helicopter crash near North Manchester sent one person, who later died, to the hospital and is now being investigated by two federal agencies.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Wabash

County Sheriff Ryan Baker stated the crash happened at 6:13 p.m. Sunday.

Wabash County Central Dispatch received a call of a helicopter crash approximately 1.5 miles west of North Manchester.

Baker stated Ches-

ter Township, Pleasant Township and Manchester Fire Department responded to the scene along with the Wabash County Sheriff's Office.

Theodore Oldfather, 76, was flown from the scene by Parkview Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Oldfather passed away Tuesday.

Baker stated the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating the accident.

No additional information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).



Pictured left to right are Ruth Ann Schlitt, Eileen Meyer Sklar, and Donna Seagert.

## Group helps parents and children during difficult times

Thursday's Child is part of the Manchester Fellowship of the Churches

By HALEY SCHROCK

We have all been through tough times, some tougher than others. Thursday's Child helps children and their parents during difficult financial times. Thursday's Child is a part of the Manchester Fellowship of the Churches.

Ruth Ann Schlitt and Donna Seagert recently talked about Thursday's Child at the North Manchester Kiwanis meeting. Schlitt discussed the

history of Thursday's Child.

Thursday's Child shared the building with the Thrift Shop. The first location Thursday's Child settled at, was with the Thrift Shop on South Mill Street.

The location wasn't quite satisfying; there were various concerns, including a leaking roof.

Thursday's Child, the Thrift Shop, and the Fellowship of the Churches decided they needed to move their location.

They continually searched for a new building.

After some time, Thursday's Child came upon an old CVS building for sale in North Manchester.

Now, the old CVS has become a home for the Thrift Shop, and for Thursday's Child.

Thursday's Child offers items that the average infant or toddler will need, such as diapers and clothing. They have plenty of winter clothing in stock at the moment. Children's books are also offered at Thursday's Child. Thursday's Child goes a step further, making everything free for their clients.

Of course, there are some guidelines, such as only four outfits that can be chosen per child a month.

Thursday's Child has many kind volunteers that tend to the shop. It was a group of volunteers that put their minds together and came up with the name Thursday's Child since it is only open on Thursdays.

Many volunteers helped move Thursday's Child to their new location, as well. Thursday's Child has been helping people in their community for a total of 11 years.

Haley Schrock a student journalist attending Claypool Elementary School.

## Mayor provides matching grant for WCS Japanese Exchange Program

Around 20 WHS students and their families are set to participate

By STAFF REPORT

This April, around 20 Wabash High School (WHS) students and their families will be participating in a Japanese Exchange Program by hosting 44 students from a private high school outside of Tokyo, Japan, according to a press release.

During the students' visit, they will learn about Wabash, experience American culture and attend classes at WHS.

Then, this summer, during the 2020 Summer Olympics, WHS students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan to stay with the students they hosted.

"The program goes hand-in-hand with Wabash City Schools' (WCS') pillar of citizenship, which 'supports programs and initiatives aimed at advancing critical thinking skills, civic responsibility, and global perspectives,'" stated the release.

However, travel to Japan

is expensive, and the estimated cost per student is \$2,800.

To help alleviate costs of the program, Mayor Scott Long has announced he will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for any donations made to the WCS Foundation Fund held at the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

"Allowing local students to travel abroad to further their education, and allowing them to experience different cultures, allows them to grow and the community to grow also. I am thrilled to support, and be a part of, the WCS Foreign Exchange program as it grows and

flourishes," he stated.

Those who wish to support the program, may donate on the Community Foundation website at [www.cfwabash.org](http://www.cfwabash.org), or with a check, with "Japanese Exchange Program" in the memo line.

The deadline to donate a match is March 31. However, the Community Foundation will continue to take donations after this date.

Donations will support expenses of the program, including travel, and will not support specific students.

For more information, email [melissa@cfwabash.org](mailto:melissa@cfwabash.org).

## Duke Energy awards Grow Wabash County two grants

One is for marking and the other is for foreign direct investment

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Grow Wabash County announced Duke Energy awarded the organization two grants, one for marketing and one for foreign direct investment.

"We are excited to be continuing our partnership with Duke Energy when it comes to generating economic development in Wabash County," stated Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager.

### Foreign Direct Investment

Duke Energy has selected six Indiana economic development organizations to receive Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Partnership Program grants, according to Lew Middleton, senior communications consultant.

The grants are for as much as \$5,000.

Grant funding does not include travel, lodging, food and beverage and entertainment expenses.

The six organizations receiving the 2020 grants include:

- City of Westfield
- Crawford County Economic Development Corporation
- Grow Wabash County
- Indy Partnership
- Radius Indiana
- Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County

"We plan to use the FDI grant to support our

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## Taste of Africa offered at Manchester University

Event to take place Saturday, March 7 at Jo Young Switzer Center

By ANNE GREGORY

The African Student Association at Manchester University wants to share a Taste of Africa with a culinary exploration of the abundance of African cultures and a celebration of African society with enticing tastes, vibrant fashions, lively sounds and spectacular dancing.

The event is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center.

It is free and open to the public.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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# New U.S. coronavirus case may be 1st from unknown origin

By **DON THOMPSON** and **MIKE STOBBE**  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California and federal officials were in the midst of an intense effort Thursday to retrace the movements of a Northern California woman believed to be the first person in the U.S. to contract the highly contagious coronavirus with no known connection to travel abroad or other known causes.

The woman lives in Solano County, home to Travis Air Force Base, where dozens of people infected in China or on cruise ships have been treated. But Sonia Angell, director of the California Department of Public Health, said there was no evidence the woman had any connection to the base.

The woman, who was not identified, first sought medical care at NorthBay VacaValley Hospital, in Vacaville, a city of more than 100,000 people about 59 miles from San Francisco.

She stayed there for three days, but doctors did not test her for the virus because she did not meet federal testing criteria, NorthBay Healthcare Group President Aimee Brewer said in a statement. She was then transferred to a Sacramento hospital where she later tested positive for the virus.

The Vacaville hospital is still open and operating normally but has identified employees who treated the woman and have asked some of them to stay home and monitor themselves for symptoms, Brewer said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom declined comment when asked by reporters to name the community in Solano County where the woman was from but urged people to take precautions while emphasizing that the risks to public health were low.

He said there was no need to declare a public health emergency.

“Everybody in this country is rightfully anxious about this moment,” Newsom said. “I think they should know we are meeting this moment with the kind of urgency that is necessary and I don’t want to over extend the anxiety.”

Newsom said the state only has only received about 200 testing kits for the virus, an amount he called “simply inadequate.” But he said federal officials have promised him the state will get many more soon.

Meanwhile, California Health and Human Services Agency Director Mark Ghaly said health officials would change the way they test for the virus by “shifting from order and community containment to one where we acknowledge that community spread is possible.” He did not elaborate.

The woman from Solano County was transferred from the Vacaville hospital to UC Davis Medical Center on Feb. 19 but it took four days for the CDC to approve a request to test the patient for COVID-19, according to a memo posted to the hospital’s website from interim CEO Brad Simmons and David Lubarsky, vice chancellor of human health sciences.

The patient arrived on a ventilator and special protection orders were issued “because of an undiagnosed and suspected viral condition,” according to the memo.

The hospital asked the CDC to test for the coronavirus but testing was delayed until Sunday “since the patient did not fit the existing CDC criteria for COVID-19,” the memo said.

“While this is considered a serious public health threat, the risk to Solano County residents and the general public is low at this

time,” the county health department said.

UC Davis Medical Center, which has treated other coronavirus patients, has been taking infection prevention precautions since the patient arrived. Officials believe there was a small chance that others at the facility were exposed to the virus and they were asked to stay home and monitor their temperatures, the memo said.

All of the 59 other cases in the U.S. have been for people who had traveled abroad or had close contact with others who traveled. Health officials have been on high alert for so-called community spread.

Earlier U.S. cases included 14 in people who returned from outbreak areas in China, or their spouses; three people who were evacuated from the central China city of Wuhan; and 42 American passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise ship who were evacuated by the federal government to the U.S. from where the ship was docked in Japan.

The global count of those sickened by the virus hovered Thursday around 82,000, with 433 new cases reported in China and another 505 in South Korea.

The new virus is a member of the coronavirus family that can cause colds or more serious illnesses such as SARS and MERS.

The virus can cause fever, coughing, wheezing and pneumonia. Health officials think it spreads mainly from droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how the flu spreads.

Officials are advising people to take steps to avoid infection with coronavirus or other respiratory infections like colds or the flu, including washing hands with soap and water and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

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continued efforts to develop economic relationships and build our sister city relationships in China and Japan,” stated Grow Wabash County President and CEO Keith Gillenwater, in response to a Plain Dealer request. “We are thankful for the partnership that we have built with Duke Energy and the Duke economic development team.”

### Marketing Partnership Program

Duke Energy has awarded grants of up to \$5,000 to 24 Indiana economic development groups for the 2020 Marketing Partnership Program, according to Middleton.

To qualify for program consideration, each applicant must submit a marketing plan that has a direct impact on the community’s economic growth and supports Duke Energy’s economic development goals. Grant funding does not include travel, lodging, food and beverage and

entertainment expenses.

The economic development organizations receiving the 2020 grants include:

- City of Batesville Economic Development Commission
- Bloomington Economic Development Corporation
- City of Westfield Economic Development
- Crawford County Economic Development Corporation
- Daviess County Economic Development Foundation, Inc.
- Economic Development Corporation of Greensburg/Decatur County
- East Central Indiana Regional Partnership
- Grow Wabash County
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation
- Indiana Technology Corridor
- Indy Partnership
- Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation
- Lawrence County Economic Growth Council
- One Dearborn, Inc.
- Orange County Economic






Partnership

- Pike County Economic Development Corporation
- Radius Indiana
- Scott County Economic Development Corporation
- Shelby County Development Corporation
- Southwest Indiana Development Council, Inc. (SWIDC)
- Success Warrick County
- Terre Haute Regional Airport
- Vermillion Rise Mega Park
- Whitley County Economic Development Corporation

“Grow Wabash County is grateful for Duke Energy’s continued support through this marketing partnership. We look forward to continuing to promote our Grow Wabash County investors and all of the great things they are doing every day while also showing the world everything that Wabash County has to offer,” stated Boulrisse, in response to a Plain Dealer request.





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 28 / 14	 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 36 / 28	 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 50 / 44	 <b>Monday</b> Scattered Rain 53 / 40	 <b>Tuesday</b> Rain Likely 49 / 38
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:37 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:22 a.m.

 First 3/2	 Full 3/9	 Last 3/16	 New 3/24
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow showers, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 67%. West northwest wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 14°. West northwest wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 5°.

# Edema cannot be cured, but it can be managed

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I am a 76-year-old man who has dealt with edema in various intensities for several years. Now I have been diagnosed with early-stage congestive heart failure. I know I’m not the only senior affected by edema, and I hope you might consider devoting a column to it.

**DEAR READER:** You’re correct that many older adults experience edema, which is the medical term for swelling. It occurs when fluid becomes trapped in the affected tissues.

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**  
Ask the Doctors



Edema can occur in any part of the body, and it shows up most commonly in the ankles, feet, legs and hands. This is known as peripheral edema. Symptoms include visible swelling or puffiness and skin that looks tight and shiny. Severe edema causes a condition known as pitting, which is when pressure applied to the swollen area causes an indentation that is slow to fade. Edema can also cause abdominal swelling, shortness of breath, elevated heart rate and chest pain.

A common cause of edema in older adults is venous insufficiency. This is when age, illness, injury or the side effects of medications cause the veins and the valves within them to be less efficient at returning blood to the heart. It’s an uphill journey from the extremities to the heart, and venous insufficiency allows the blood to pool.

Edema is also a symptom of congestive heart failure, a progressive condition in which the heart becomes unable to pump enough blood to meet the body’s needs. The backup of blood from these conditions causes pressure, which forces fluid from tiny capillaries in the area and into the surrounding tissues.

These types of edema cannot be cured, so the goal is management. Exercise, particularly involving the affected limbs, can help veins return blood to the heart. So does spending time with the affected limbs elevated above the heart. Once swelling has lessened, compression garments, such as sleeves and stockings, can

help prevent new fluid accumulation. Limiting dietary salt is important because excess sodium causes fluid retention.

Medications known as diuretics, or water pills, help the body release water and sodium via the urine. They’re helpful in managing congestive heart failure. Diuretics work by changing how the kidneys handle sodium, which increases the amount of water and sodium released in the urine. Studies show that this may also result in a drop in venous pressure, which can help capillaries to reabsorb some of the water they released. Water loss from diuretics can affect the electrolyte balance in the body, particularly potassium, which is crucial to heart function. Supplemental potassium is often prescribed. People

who take a potassium-sparing diuretic must be monitored for excess amounts of the mineral.

It’s important to protect areas of edema from pressure and injury, as healing takes longer and infection is a risk. Moreover, if you experience redness, heat or pain; develop an open sore; develop shortness of breath; or start swelling on just one side of the body, seek immediate medical care.

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## Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 28- Thursday, March 5

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

<b>The Invisible Man (R)</b> Fri: 6:30, 9:25 Sat: 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:25 Sun: 12:50, 3:30, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30	<b>Fantasy Island (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:50, 9:35 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	<b>The Call of the Wild (PG)</b> Fri: 6:40, 9:15 Sat: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:15 Sun: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	<b>Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)</b> Fri: 6:20, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20 Mon- Thurs: 6:20
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**Impractical Jokers: The Movie (PG13)**  
Fri: 7:00, 9:45  
Sat: 1:30, 3:55, 7:00, 9:45  
Sun: 1:30, 3:55, 7:00  
Mon- Thurs: 7:00

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Lois Ann (Hammonds) Van Meter

June 22, 1947 – Feb. 26, 2020

Lois Ann (Hammonds) Van Meter, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:42 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020 at her home. She was born June 22, 1947 in Evansville, Indiana to Hubert and Gladys (Rutherford) Hammonds.

Lois was a 1965 graduate of Central High School in Evansville, earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Southern Indiana, and a master's degree from Indiana State University. She married David A. Van Meter in Shawnee Town, Illinois on July 20, 1968. Lois taught in both the Mount Vernon, Indiana School District and Wabash City Schools. She later worked for McGraw-Hill Publishing, where she retired as a district manager. Lois was a member of the Woman's Club House in Wabash, and Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, where she was active in Bible Studies. She enjoyed traveling and quilting, and she served as Chairman of the Wabash Quilt of Honor Quilters in Wabash County.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, David A. Van Meter of Wabash, mother, Gladys Hammonds of Evansville, brother and sisters, Robert (Karen) Hammonds of Evansville, Brenda (Allen) Mounts of Newburgh, Indiana, and Mary Ruth (Michael)



Nelson of Evansville, as well as 13 nieces and nephews, and 32 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Hammonds, and her brother, William Hammonds.

There will be a visitation from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana. There will then be a visitation from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Alexander Memorial Park, 2200 Mesker Park Drive, Evansville. Burial will be in Alexander Memorial Park, Evansville.

Preferred memorial is Woman's Club House or Quilt of Honor Quilters.

The memorial guest book for Lois may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Herbert D. 'Hub' Bradley

Feb. 26, 2020

Herbert D. 'Hub' Bradley, 79, North Manchester passed away, Feb. 26, 2020.

The memory of Herbert will be cherished by wife, Sharon Bradley; son, Jay D. (Dee Dee) Bradley; daughter, Jenny (Bill) Barber; brother, Norvel Bradley; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hub was preceded in death

by his parents, four brothers, Robie, Aaron, Jesse and Ernest Bradley; and one.

Calling Feb. 29, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services for Hub will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Theodore 'Ted' Oldfather

Feb. 25, 2020

Theodore 'Ted' Oldfather passed away Feb. 25, 2020.

Surviving are his wife, Marletta; children, Todd (Sabe), John (Heidi), Julie Roughia, and Mark (Kim); 11 grandchildren.

Calling Feb 28, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the West Manchester German Baptist Church, 1013 State Road 114 West, North Manchester.

Visitation Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the West Manchester church.

Funeral services Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 2 p.m. at North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12508 North State Road 13, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary

## Kids shine as Broadway's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' goes big

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The cast of “To Kill a Mockingbird” ditched its somber Broadway home Wednesday for the cavernous Madison Square Garden, performing the play for 18,000 school kids in an electric one-time-only performance that one actor called “primal.”

It marks the first time a Broadway play has been performed at the venue nicknamed “The World’s Most Famous Arena,” which is home to the New York Knicks and Rangers. The last line of the play is “All rise” and the students did exactly that, giving it a standing ovation and a hearty thank you.

“I loved the book in middle school when I read it and seeing it live and seeing the characters come to life, it’s so much more real,” said Alissa DiCristo, 17. “It makes you feel so much more.”

The play’s usual Broadway home is the 1,435-seat Shubert Theatre, where it’s routinely sold out. But thousands of middle and high school students from all five boroughs got to see it for free, courtesy of the Scott Rudin-led production and James L. Dolan, executive chairman and CEO of The Madison Square Garden Company. The tickets were distributed by the city’s education department. Free

popcorn and bottles of water were also offered on the way out.

The audience this time surrounded the stage and, in the moments before the play, started using the flashlight feature on their phones to make patterns and signals, turning the Garden into a tapestry of lights, like a forest ignited with fireflies.

As the play progressed, the students clapped, booed, cheered and gasped, even erupting in the same pitched excitement as a buzzer-beating 3-point basket when the stately Atticus Finch wrestled with the evil Bob Ewell. At other times, the Garden was completely silent as it felt like 18,000 young people held their breaths, particularly during courtroom scenes.

“We did say how we feel and each and everyone was respectful, too, when they needed to,” said 17-year-old Eric Meza, who had his first experience with a Broadway show. “It was just an amazing experience.”

“To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee won a Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and has been widely praised as a sensitive portrait of racial tension in 1930s Alabama. At its core is Finch, a lawyer called upon to defend a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

Oscar-winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin adapted

Lee’s play and it crackles with current issues: institutional racism, a flawed criminal justice system, police misconduct, sexual assault and standing against evil. Ripples of anger coursed through the crowd when racial epithets were used.

“I feel like it targeted a lot of prominent issues in today’s society and it really did speak to me,” said Ambria Creary, 17. “Definitely there were parts where you had to react because it hurt so bad to even imagine it happening today.”

The entire current Broadway cast performed the show, led by Ed Harris as Finch. They practiced for the Garden show in a warehouse in Long Island City, preparing to work on their new space, a stage measuring 90 feet in length by 40 feet in width.

Despite the size, the actors kept the experience intimate, rolling pieces of equipment onstage and helping put away props. Some, when not onstage, sat in chairs or a bench waiting their cues. At one point, Nick Robinson, who played Jem, gave Lisa Gay Hamilton, who played Calpurnia, a gentle hug after a powerful scene.

“It was magical. It felt like what theater used to like be thousands of years ago,” said actor Taylor Trenchsch, who played Dill Harris. “It’s something I’ll remember

forever.”

Mayor Bill de Blasio and city first lady Chirlane McCray introduced the show, urging the students to think about the themes of the play and urging them to embrace the arts. “You are part of history today,” McCray said. Director Spike Lee, a die-hard Knicks fan, said: “Don’t let anyone tell you you can’t be artists. Follow your dreams.”

While Sorkin’s script wasn’t altered, the staging had to adapt to the hulking space. Eight cameras captured the action and beamed it onto four massive screens so everyone could see small details.

The stage arrived in about 100 pieces and took four hours in install, including the jury box, which remains empty throughout, a signal that the audience also is complicit in the trial. On Wednesday, director Bartlett Sher paced along one side of the stage during the performance, helping actors with their sound equipment and cheering them on.

Trenchsch thought back to his own youth and didn’t initially know if the three-hour play would capture the attention of the children. He needn’t have worried.

“It was almost primal,” he said. “There was like an electrical charge in the air that you don’t get at the Shubert Theatre.”

## Rescued sea lions now at Hawaii aquatic park

HONOLULU — Two sea lions rescued off the coast of California are making their debut at a new home in a Hawaii aquatic park.

The sea lions named Niblet and Brawler are 3-year-old females and joined the aquatic attractions at Sea Life Park on Oahu Wednesday, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported.

They were separately rescued by the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, a non-profit organization that rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine animals back to the wild.

After a quarantine and

health care they were transferred to the park in Waimanalo, about 14 miles from Honolulu. A traditional Hawaiian blessing to welcome them is scheduled for Sunday.

“They’re little ambassadors because they have an incredible story to tell,” said Sea Life Park curator Jeff Pawloski.

The sea lions were rescued during what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration refers to as an “unusual mortality event” involving a significant number of pups and yearlings that

were stranded from 2013 to 2017.

The causes of the Southern California stranding event remain unknown, but the NOAA suspects a change in the availability of sea lion prey was a contributing factor.

Niblet, the smaller of the sea lions, was first rescued in January 2017 at Huntington Beach, California. The malnourished pup was cared for and released about seven months later, but found again in January 2018 with low weight.

Brawler was rescued in May 2017 from Dana

Point, California.

After rehabilitating her, the center implanted a microchip and released the sea lion in September but found her four days later, nearly lifeless with her eyes nearly glossed over. Scientists determined she is about 70 percent blind.

Niblet and Brawler will be on display at the park’s new Sea Lion Nursery Pool.

The pair will be part of the park’s educational program and given training to provide them basic care, but will not be “circus performers,” the park said.

## Nazi cautionary dramas wade into political, factual disputes

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood mustered its creative forces in the 1940s when Adolf Hitler’s Nazi Germany sought to conquer the world, with Humphrey Bogart standing up to the fascist regime in “Casablanca” and director Ernst Lubitsch mocking it and its dictator in “To Be or Not to Be.”

More than 70 years later, an increase in hate crimes, emboldened white supremacists and political upheaval have prompted TV and film makers to revisit Nazism. The works are varied and their receptions mixed, but they share a goal: to use fiction to learn from 20th-century totalitarianism and its horrors, including the Holocaust that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews.

In Amazon’s “Hunters,” an unlikely group of 1970s New Yorkers target German Nazis who have brought their genocidal quest to America. HBO’s “The Plot Against America” is based on Philip Roth’s novel that posits a repressive early 1940s U.S. government led

by Charles Lindbergh, the real-life aviation hero and anti-Semitic isolationist. The Oscar-winning “Jojo Rabbit” is in Lubitsch’s satirical mode, deepened by tragedy.

Preceding them was “The Man in the High Castle,” the 2015-19 Amazon series based on Philip K. Dick’s sci-fi novel of the same name about a fallen America ruled by WWII victors Germany and Japan.

The war has had other screen comebacks. During the political and social turmoil of the mid- to late-1960s, cynical and irreverent films including “King Rat” and “What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?” were released alongside traditional battle epics such as the star-laden “Battle of the Bulge.”

“We seem to have waves of interest in both the Holocaust and World War II, not always at the same time,” said Sharon Willis, a film scholar and professor at the University of Rochester in New York. “I feel that, collectively, we return to these terrains when we have some kind of problem to work out that we think is related to

them.”

David Simon, executive producer of “The Plot Against America,” unabashedly labels the six-episode series debuting March 16 “a political piece.” The cast includes Winona Ryder and John Turturro, and early reviews were admiring.

“It’s a critique of xenophobia and demagoguery and the use of ‘the other,’ the fear of ‘the other’ to drive political power and to create a political dynamic,” Simon said, a pattern that he said predates President Donald Trump. “The demonization of the immigrant cohort has been going on for as long as the republic.”

Ironically, he’d originally passed on bringing Roth’s novel to the screen because it appeared irrelevant.

“The first time somebody approached me about the adaptation was in 2013, right after (President Barack) Obama’s second inauguration. And I thought to myself that it seemed like an artifact” in an increasingly inclusive society, Simon said. The subsequent election and its results forced him to reconsider that

view, he said, citing restrictive immigration policies as an area of profound concern.

The late Roth’s book proved “allegorical to what we’re dealing with now, and the vulnerable cohorts now are not necessarily Jewish Americans, although anti-Semitism has increased,” Simon said. “The real vulnerable (groups) are people with black and brown skin, immigrants and Muslims.”

As for why he’s asking viewers to seek clarity in the rear-view mirror, Simon said that history provides a sturdy, well-vetted foundation on which to build a meaningful allegory. “If we can’t apply it to the future, then all that history is pretty useless,” he said.

David Weil, creator of “Hunters” starring Al Pacino and Logan Lerman, shares Simon’s belief in the power of such storytelling.

“I think sometimes the best way for us to grapple with the truths of our reality and our present is to see it through a different prism and a different lens,” said Weil. “So I used the lens of 1977 America to speak about the kind of racism and

xenophobia and anti-Semitism that we’re continuing to face today, to allow people to really try and take a step back.”

Weil’s direct inspiration was his grandmother, Sara Weil, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen, which were among the concentration camps where the German-ordered mass killings of Jews and millions of others were carried out. The stories of hardship that he heard from her as a child eventually fueled Weil’s desire to honor her experience and, through his work, become a Holocaust avenger and a “superhero, in some way.”

There have been Oscar-worthy films about the Holocaust, Weil said, but he wanted to dramatize the tragedy and its aftermath in an unconventional way. He described his approach as “bold and pulpy and fresh,” one that invites a new audience to enter the story through the perspective of characters such as Lerman’s young hunter, Jonah.

“In doing so, they’ll begin to learn about the truth of the Holocaust and the plight of

Jewish people and the plight of all ‘others,’” Weil said.

Creative license may be allowed for tone or even the wholesale creation of a band of Nazi hunters, but tampering with the facts of a hallowed event crosses the line for some. A scene in which inmates of the Auschwitz camp in Poland act out a fatal chess game never occurred, according to the site’s museum and memorial, which in a recent statement called such inventions “dangerous foolishness and caricature.”

Weil responded that the drama was not a documentary and he’d carefully avoided borrowing a specific moment from an actual person’s life. That failed to satisfy Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles that’s named for the death camp survivor and real-life Nazi hunter.

While dramas can help educate people about Nazism, Hier said, such projects must be labeled a fictional account of a real event or risk giving fodder to Holocaust deniers.



# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

Psalm 82:3

# The primaries are just dumb

How fitting that Twitter – a social media platform apparently built for bickering – co-sponsored a political debate on Tuesday night that often descended into an unintelligible screaming match among too many candidates whose differences belie a vast common ground.

Any one of the candidates in the Democratic race would be among the most progressive leaders ever elected to the White House, so common sense suggests that a few contenders bow out, to clarify the choice and ensure that a consensus nominee can emerge. That would be welcome. But disarray has a way of keeping even the slimmest of hopes alive.

As the country learned in 2016 with Republicans, the primaries and caucuses are a mess, giving the illusion of a choice in a situation where in fact voters have just the opposite – no clear choice. This year, Bernie Sanders won close to a majority in Nevada, but in the two earlier contests, in Iowa and New Hampshire, no candidate won more than 26 percent of the vote. This fragmentation helps those candidates with passionate followings, like Mr. Sanders, as it helped Donald Trump in 2016, but it produces nothing like a consensus candidate. Mr. Sanders has won only 2.3

percent of the 1,991 delegates needed to secure the nomination, yet he's widely considered the front-runner.

Single-winner elections do a poor job of winnowing a large field of candidates down to one who reflects majority agreement, and encourage the type of nastiness we're seeing now, because it's all-or-nothing for each candidate. And the winner of this process can be the choice of as little as 25 or 30 percent of the electorate, which is another way of saying that he or she was not the choice of up to three-quarters of voters.

This is no way to pick the person who will challenge a president – one who was himself nominated first by a minority within his party, then elected by a minority nationwide.

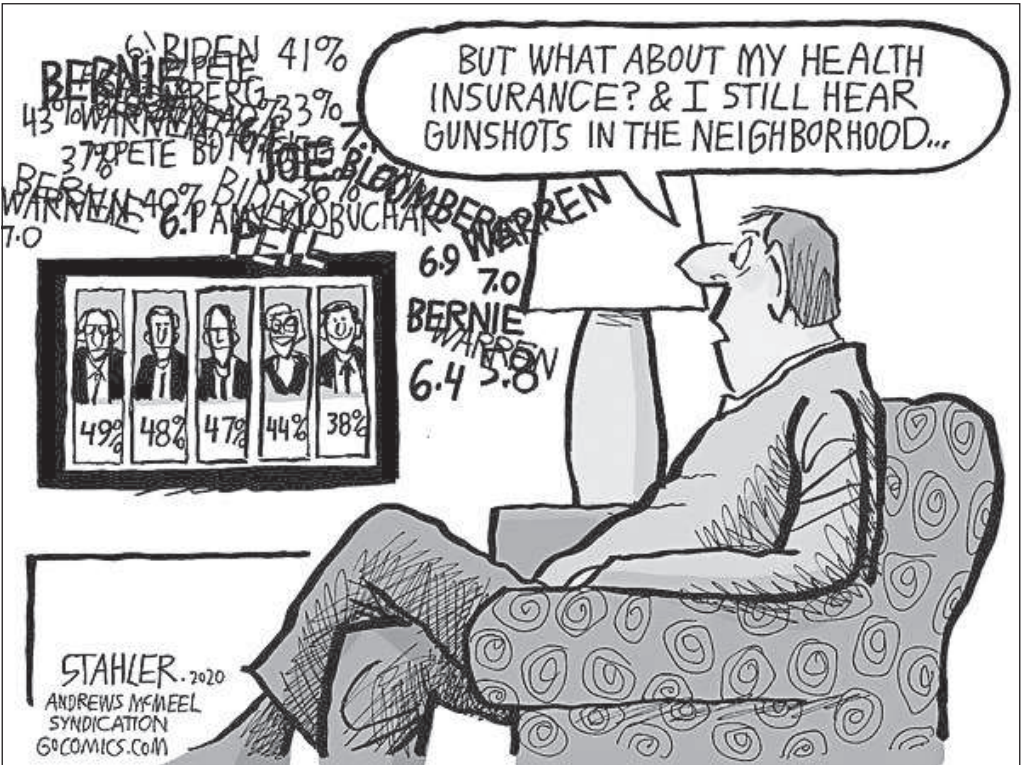
There is a straightforward and elegant solution: ranked-choice voting, also known as instant-runoff voting. Already in use all over the world and in cities and towns across the United States, it's a popular and proven way of electing leaders who are – what a radical notion! – actually supported by most voters. It is effective in any multicandidate race, but it's ideal for making sense of a large and fractured pool of candidates.

Ranked-choice voting works on a simple premise: Instead of being forced to choose a single

candidate, voters rank some or all of the candidates in order of preference – they rank their favorite candidate first, their next-favorite candidate second, and so on. If one candidate wins a majority of the vote outright, he or she is the winner. If not, the ballots are tallied in a series of rounds. In each round, the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is eliminated. Each ballot ranking that candidate first is then transferred to the candidate whom it ranked second. The process repeats, eliminating the lowest-scoring candidate and redistributing his or her ballots, until one candidate has more than 50 percent of the vote.

How would ranked-choice voting work in primaries with many candidates? We'll find out this year, when four states are using it for the first time: Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and Kansas. As in all other Democratic primaries, they will award delegates proportionally to candidates who win at least 15 percent of the vote. But rather than simply eliminate any candidates who don't reach that threshold, the ballots listing those candidates first will be transferred to their second-place choices, a process that will be repeated until all remaining candidates have at least 15 percent support.

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# Democrats let Sanders off easy

At last week's debate, the Democratic candidates totally ignored my advice, offered in a recent column, not to go scorched-Earth on one another. Fine, that's their prerogative, no hurt feelings.

**Eugene Robinson**



But folks, at least acknowledge what you just did: You spent two hours bashing the wrong piñata. I'm talking especially to you, Sen. Elizabeth Warren. And also to you, former Vice President Joe Biden, former mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Amy Klobuchar. You spent most of the evening throwing punches at former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg. And though quite a few of those haymakers connected, it's not Bloomberg who potentially could build an uncatchable lead in the delegate count on Super Tuesday, less than two weeks away. It's Sen. Bernie Sanders who threatens to run away with this thing – and you let him come through the melee with barely a scratch.

Sanders, who is 78 and recently had a heart attack, was asked about his refusal to release all of his medical records, but was hardly pressed aggressively on the subject. Biden slammed Sanders for voting to kill the 2007 immigration reform bill, but none of the other candidates took the opportunity to pile on. And Sanders wasn't asked at all about his numerous votes against modest and reasonable gun control measures supported by most Democrats.

I'm not arguing that Sanders has to be denied the nomination or that he can't possibly

beat President Trump. But if his competitors decided to have a bare-knuckles debate, it was political malpractice for them to give the front-runner such a free pass.

And speaking of political malpractice, how is it even possible that Bloomberg did not come prepared to answer the tough questions he had to know he would face? On the stop-and-frisk policy Bloomberg championed, he mumbled aimlessly about the New York murder rate before finally saying, as if he'd just remembered, that "I've apologized. I've asked for forgiveness."

Bloomberg was even more flummoxed when Warren pressed him relentlessly about his history of sexist remarks and the non-disclosure agreements that silenced women who received financial settlements from his company. "Maybe they didn't like a joke I told" is hardly exculpatory.

On climate change – which Bloomberg Philanthropies last year pledged half a billion dollars to combat – Bloomberg was sharper and more specific than any of the others. Overall, however, he had a pretty awful night.

But did Bloomberg's shaky performance disqualify him in the eyes of Democratic primary voters, as his competitors seemed to hope? I doubt it. He made a mess, but he has until March 3 to clean it up. He can far outspend all the other campaigns put together on television, online and social media advertising in California, Texas and the other Super Tuesday states. All he has to do is avoid another fiasco at next week's debate in South Carolina.

All Sanders has to do, though, is stay on track and

count the delegates that are likely to come his way. Let's say he wins the caucuses in Nevada on Saturday, as polls suggest. And assume Biden's solid and energetic debate performance was enough for him to win in South Carolina a week later, but Sanders finishes second.

Sanders would then go into Super Tuesday with a delegate lead and a head of steam. Bloomberg is the only other candidate with the money to be competitive everywhere. But unless he or someone else manages to actually beat Sanders in one or more of the big states on March 3, Sanders could emerge with a lead that's almost impossible to erase.

The most important question of the debate came at the end. If no one comes to the convention with a majority of pledged delegates, moderator Chuck Todd asked, should the nomination go to the one who comes closest? Bloomberg, Warren, Biden, Klobuchar and Buttigieg all said no. Instead, they argued that the party's "superdelegate" rules, which allow certain elected officials and party insiders to throw their support to another candidate of their choice if there isn't a first-ballot winner at the Democratic convention, should be applied. Only Sanders maintained that whoever has a plurality should be given the nomination, because that would reflect the will of "the people."

That stance directly contradicts the position he took in 2016. That's because Sanders thinks he's going to have that lead going into the convention. And nobody did anything last week to stop him.

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# Ron Wyden's patient politics and momentous proposal

If next February Democrats control the presidency and both houses of Congress – this is neither probable nor highly improbable – the legislative branch's most consequential member might be chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Oregon's

**George Will**



Ron Wyden, 70, and in his fifth term, understands the patience that politics both requires and rewards. He is spending 2020 tilling the political soil in Congress and the private sector to earn at least a hearing for a momentous proposal: taxation of unrealized capital gains.

His contention is implied by the title of his explanatory booklet, "Treat Wealth Like Wages." Wage earners pay taxes as they earn. Those whose wealth is in the form of capital should pay taxes on it as it appreciates. And as a necessary corollary, they should be able to deduct losses on held assets that have declined in value.

Wyden, whose proposal would apply only to those with more than \$1 million in annual income or \$10 million in assets for three consecutive years, says that 72 percent of realized capital gains go to taxpayers with annual incomes of more than \$500,000; that in 2018 almost 70 percent of realized capital gains went to the wealthiest 1 percent; and that more than 50 percent went to the wealthiest 0.1 percent. Because capital gains on assets passed to heirs upon death are not taxed, an asset bought for \$250,000 that has appreciated to \$10 million when the owner died will not be taxed on the \$9.75 million capital gain.

Furthermore, Wyden argues that an unrealized capital gain is not an unused gain: It can be collateral for borrowing that enables the borrower to spend and invest without tapping savings.

Melding his proposal with government's most popular undertaking, the revenue raised by taxing unrealized capital gains would, Wyden says, be dedicated to Social Security. This is not, however, a momentous idea. Arithmetic says Social Security benefits must be cut about 20 percent when, in 2035 at the latest, the trust fund is projected to be exhausted. Politics guarantees that this cut will not happen: Money infusions will be forthcoming, with or without Wyden's measure.

Possible problems with Wyden's proposal include: How do you value transferred assets such as illiquid real estate, businesses and venture capital? Compliance costs might be steep, particularly when the wealthiest Americans' lawyers and accountants set about gaming the system. (Wyden has done some anti-gaming exercises.) And what Wyden considers a major inequity could be cured simply by ending the exclusion of capital gains taxation at death. Furthermore, many economists across the political spectrum argue that the current treatment of capital gains encourages risk-taking, aka investment, and economic growth.

Wyden, however, is a true progressive, serenely confident about undertaking major alterations of complex systems. This is today's context:

In the Trump administration's first three years, the government's average annual revenue increase was 2.6 percent (the preceding administration's: 3.9 percent), spending has increased 5.7 percent per year (preceding administration: 2.6 percent) and the deficit has grown 20.8 percent per year (preceding administration: 9.4 percent average annual decline). In three years the current administration has added more to the national debt (\$2.6 trillion) than the preceding administration did in four years (\$2.1 trillion).

The \$1.02 trillion federal deficit for calendar 2019 (up 17.1 percent over 2018, which was up 28.2 percent over 2017) occurred with economic growth about as brisk as can be prudently projected (2.3 percent), and at full employment. This is redundant evidence that the nation is more threatened by consensus than by discord, as follows:

America has an aging population and an entitlement system (principally Social Security and Medicare) into which 10,000 baby boomers retire daily. It has a political class ideologically quarrelsome but operationally united by a shared incentive arising from a shared understanding. The class understands that are only two ways to finance government, present taxes and future taxes. The class has a political incentive to enlarge as much as possible the latter's role in fiscal planning.

America cannot, however, forever fund the government it has chosen to have with the tax code it has, the domestic promises it has made and the defenses it needs. In fiscal 2019, taxes raised revenues equaling 16.3 percent of GDP and the government spent a sum equal to 21 percent of GDP. Higher tax rates and/or new taxes (e.g., on carbon) are coming.

The Democratic Party and an American majority believe the wealthy should pay higher taxes. The Republican Party believes ... well, whatever today's president says it believes. In its current plasticity, will it stand athwart this majority yelling "Stop"? Wyden has a proposal, and patience, and plastic opponents.

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## HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2020. There are 307 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On Feb. 28, 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

**Today's Birthdays:** Architect Frank Gehry is 91. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 89. Singer Sam the Sham is 83. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 81. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 80. Actor Frank Bonner is 78. Actress Kelly Bishop is 76. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 73. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 72. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 72. Actress Bernadette Peters is 72. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 72. Actress Ilene Graff is 71. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 67. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley is 65. Actor John Turturro is 63. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 63.



# Woman feels little connection to mom begging her for money

**DEAR ABBY:** I was born into a poor family, and my father gave me up for adoption to his well-to-do sister. My narcissistic adoptive mother severely abused me physically, mentally and emotionally as a child, and tormented me financially as an adult. I no longer speak to her.



My biological mother has been attempting to have a relationship with me as her daughter. But I don't regard her as my mother. I don't feel anything toward her. All those years of abuse have left me feeling ... jaded.

My biological mother is still poor, and she constantly asks me for money to help my nieces and nephews with their needs. I understand that they are blood, but I work hard for my money and cannot afford to support them financially. They have had plenty of opportunities in the past to better their lives but decided to live off handouts. How do I find validation that I am a person and not just a piggy bank? — Jaded In California

**DEAR JADED:** Considering the circumstances in which you were raised, it may not be easy. A way to find some of that validation would be to start establishing some boundaries in your life. If you can afford to see a licensed mental health professional, you would benefit greatly by scheduling some sessions. Not only will it help you to get your priorities straight, it may also help you to feel less guilty about saying no to relatives with ulterior motives.

**DEAR ABBY:** I felt compelled to write after seeing your Dec. 15 response to "Anywhere, USA," the hosts seeking guidance about how to respond to the daughter of longtime friends who had recently visited. The daughter had emailed asking for a report on her parents' habits and conduct during their trip.

As a caregiving daughter myself, knowing many other caregiving adult children and belonging to a few support groups for caregivers, I believe inquiring of family friends and other relatives about their loved ones is not wrong or invasive. Our loved ones behave differently in different situations. How they negotiate changes and social situations without the caregiver present may provide important clues and information regarding their mental/cognitive status.

Caregivers try to give their loved ones as much freedom as safely possible. Gaining information about the visit would possibly give clues regarding the ability to travel independently or not, and whether they can still negotiate social and public situations appropriately. These are examples of things that a caregiver will never observe without the eyes of others.

Many caregivers out there read your column, and others who have aging, declining friends with caregiving kids. People must not hesitate to say something when they notice a change in behavior. — Loyal Reader In New Jersey

**DEAR READER:** I'm printing your letter because it is representative of the response I received about "Anywhere, USA's" letter. You raise an important issue about how it "takes a village" to band together and to share observations about changes in older people's comportment beyond simple aging.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: AGILE YIELD SONATA SHRIMP

Answer: The developers of the new hover car were working — TIRELESSLY

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

## BEETLE BAILEY

I SPILLED SOME OF COOKIES HASH ON THE GROUND

SO?

THE ANTS ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM IT

MAYBE THEY KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T

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## BLONDIE

MINUTEMAN PLUMBING AT YOUR SERVICE

I CALLED YOU TWO HOURS AGO...WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

WELL, GIVE ME A MINUTE AND I'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN

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## HI & LOIS

I LIKE THIS NEW PUBLIC ART PROGRAM.

I MISS THE OLD GRAFFITI THAT USED TO BE THERE.

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## BC

GO GET IT, BOY!

FUNNY HOW HE RUNS TO PICK THAT UP JUST TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.

SIMPLE MINDS.

ON TO THE NEXT HOLE.

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## WIZARD OF ID

WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO SCULPT ICE?

IN MY ART STUDIO

... COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY MY HEATING BILL

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## DILBERT

PURCHASING MANAGER

YOU NEED THREE VENDOR QUOTES, OR I CAN'T APPROVE IT.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO VENDORS IN THAT MARKET.

COME BACK WHEN SOMETHING CHANGES.

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## GARFIELD

BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!

JON NEVER GETS MY JOKES EITHER

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## FORT KNOX

MY CHORES ARE GETTING IN THE WAY OF MY SABBATICAL.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

GIVE ME THE TIME I NEED TO FOCUS ON ME.

I CAN DO THAT.

BUT LET'S NOT CALL IT A SABBATICAL.

FINE... WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT?

FREE-TUMBLE!

BEING GROUNDER?

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## PICKLES

WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

TURKEY SANDWICH.

WHERE DID YOU GET THE TURKEY?

IN THE FRIDGE.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY TURKEY IN THE FRIDGE. THAT'S CHICKEN.

CHICKEN? PANG IT! I HATE CHICKEN!

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## Christ gives the power to overcome every sin, habit

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** It is useless! I've tried my very best to not sin. I am an athlete and I know that in order to do well I have to be disciplined, but when it comes to my bad habits (sins) I am unable to conquer them, so what's the use? — D.A.

**A:** Christ gives the power to overcome every sin and habit that weighs us down. But we must first belong to Him. Christ can break the ropes, fetters, and chains of sin, but we must repent, confess, commit, and surrender ourselves to Him, receiving His gift of salvation. He will even give us the power to repent if we humble ourselves. He is the One who gives us the ability to consciously and deliberately leave sin behind. He will change the

direction of our lives, He will alter our attitudes, and strengthen us to yield to His will. But we must choose Christ and make Him Lord and Master.

Once God leads us in making this life-changing decision, we must not draw back. He goes before us and says, "Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19). Athletes understand the importance of discipline. Coaches can be demanding because they want their teams to be the best. God does not discipline us to subdue us, but to condition us for a life of use-

fulness. He puts reins on our wayward souls that they may be directed into the paths of right living.

Commitment means burning all the bridges behind us that do not glorify God, and there is a high price. To be a disciple of Jesus means to learn from Him and to follow His example laid out in Scripture. It may cost us our friends, it may cost some even their careers, but we must be obedient to Christ. He will not ask of us what He will not empower us to do, for He paid the ultimate price for such freedom.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" D I C H J F D R L L K A A V F M B A J F  
C B F R R D H S Z C U F K . . . D T A P Z M  
S K A J C J Z U M A I F Z Z . J P B C Z Z D  
I C R B F M I C H B A S Z C U S K F B F R M ."  
— M C W A B C X C R R D R L

Previous Solution: "I've never liked the recognition, the questions, the publicity. I have often felt like running away and hiding." — Al Pacino  
TODAY'S CLUE: n s e n b e d



# Worship

## CHURCH NEWS

### Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, March 1, at Asbury Country Church, the Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Alan Siepker, the music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message will be, “A Beautiful Life” by Mike Bullick, pastor.

### Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 1, worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Chris Tiedeman’s sermon is from Romans 5:12-19 titled, “PIT Maneuver.” Check us out at [wabashchristumc.org](http://wabashchristumc.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](https://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, March 1 worship services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. The message for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in our March “After Jesus” series will be, “Only One Way to Go” from Matt. 2:1-12. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. Children’s Church at the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Randall and Linda Good.

### First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 1, the First Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be by Kathy Geible, and the opening prayer, scripture reading and children’s message will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the sermon series will be, “I Am,” the scripture will be John 6:35-40 and the sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be “The Bread of Life.” At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude by Kathy Geible, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Steve Hentgen, the children’s message will be by Sue Gray, music will be by the Chancel Choir and the

postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Visit us at [wabashfirstumc.org](http://wabashfirstumc.org) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/>.

### Roann United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 1 at Roann United Methodist Church, the service will start at 9 a.m. and Sunday school will begin at 10:15 a.m. The greeters will be Sally Robbins and Ellen Rensberger. The worship leader will be Doug Bogert. Pastor Wayne Balmer’s sermon is from Matthew 4:1-11 titled, “Tempted.”

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, March 1 services at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Janet Boyd, Sara-Jane Holloway and Elaine See. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

Services for Sunday, March 1 at Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., will be at 10:30 a.m. This week, Pastor Doug Veal continues his Sermon on the Mount series with “Jesus’ Temptations” based on Matthew 4:1-11. Children’s church and nursery are available during worship times. Church and sanctuary are handicapped accessible. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible Study over the book of Philippians meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

### Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 1 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “The Names of God: Elohim (God, Mighty Creator).” Sunday Servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Tina Eakright, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano and Rose Sands, organ. *Editor’s note: Have an upcoming event to submit? Send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

By RICK BORGMAN

I’ve heard it my whole life, “Knee-high by the Fourth of July,” referring to the potential of the corn crop. Even though I am not a farmer, I watch the growth of the corn. It’s no guarantee of a bumper crop in the fall, but we feel better if it’s knee-high by the Fourth of July. As the corn grows in the field we also watch as our gardens grow. Rain and sunshine combine to produce an abundance of beautiful green leaves and vines. We look forward to the earlier harvester to supply the farmer’s market. I gave up on my garden last year, planting just a few zucchini plants. We had a bumper crop and were glad to share it with family and friends. I’m hoping to plant a variety of seeds in my garden this year. The Apostle Paul writes, “Whatever a man sows that is what he will reap.” Every gardener knows this

## The right seed

to be true. Where I planted the zucchini I didn’t expect to harvest green beans. Long before Jesus told the Parable of the Sower, the prophet Hosea delivered this message from God: “Sow righteousness, reap love. It’s time to till the ready earth, it’s time to dig in with God until he arrives with righteousness ripe for harvest. But instead, you plowed wicked ways, reaped a crop of evil and ate a salad of lies.” (Hosea 10:12-13a, The Message) Every life is a garden and every person is a gardener! We may not sow seeds in the ground, but we are to sow seeds in the hearts of those around us. Gardening is more than just putting seed in the ground. Before planting seed the soil must be prepared. Then comes the planting. That does it. Now we sit back and watch until the harvest. What? Does that sound right to you? Well, at least not for my garden. Other plants

enjoy the plentiful rain and sunshine. They’re squatters and will quickly take root and grow and choke out my plants. Weeds are pesky and persistent; it takes a constant effort to keep them at bay. During dry spells the garden needs water. If it doesn’t rain, it’s up to me. That’s why God invented the rain barrel. Some have told me that if God doesn’t water it, it won’t get watered. It takes work to have a garden, but the results are well worth the effort. Is there anything better than green beans fresh from the garden or eating peas fresh from the vine, (we call them garden candy)? You can’t reap a harvest from your garden unless you plant the seed. The word “sow” means, to plant, to disseminate. Perhaps you have heard the announcement on television as a game is being played, “This broadcast may not be disseminated without the express permission of the NFL or the office of the

Commissioner of baseball.” We don’t have the right to rebroadcast a football or baseball game. Our life garden is meant to produce love. We have a right and a responsibility to share that love with others. If we’re going reap a harvest of love, we have to “sow righteousness.” God gives us the ability to know right from wrong. The right seed produces the right crop. Doing the right thing, the God thing produces the right results. Your life is producing fruit. Is it the kind of fruit that honors and glorifies God? If your life garden has been serving you “a crop of evil and ate a salad of lies,” it’s time to start over and plant the right seeds, the seeds of righteousness. It will take time and effort, but I guarantee you’ll be pleased and you will please God as well, as you harvest a crop of Love. *Rick Borgman is the pastor at Lagro United Methodist Church.*

## Did Trump intend to reject words of Jesus?

Few politicians at the National Prayer Breakfast were shocked when President Donald Trump brandished copies of The Washington Post and USA Today to celebrate their “AQUITTED” headlines. But it was a Harvard University professor who did something even more provocative – quoting strong words from Jesus of Nazareth during an event known for its meek God-talk and vague calls for unity. America’s “biggest crisis,” said Arthur Brooks of the Kennedy School of Government, is a culture of contempt that is “tearing our society apart.” “I want to turn to the words of the ultimate original thinker, history’s greatest social entrepreneur, and as a Catholic, my personal Lord and Savior, Jesus,” said Brooks, author of books such as “The Conservative Heart” and “Love Your Enemies.” He is the former leader of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. The key passage for this era, he said, is found in Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 5, verses 43-45:

### Terry Mattingly



“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” Brooks added: “Love your enemies! Now that is thinking differently. It changed the world starting 2,000 years ago, and it is as subversive and counterintuitive today as it was then. But the devil’s in the details. How do we do it in a country and world roiled by political hatred and differences that we can’t seem to bridge?” Trump declined to take part when Brooks challenged prayer-breakfast participants to raise their hand if they loved someone who disagreed with them about politics. As the next speaker, the president responded to Brooks’ remarks with words that unleashed a week of online debate among conservative religious believers – early Trump supporters and reluctant Trump supporters alike – who have debated the degree to which they can embrace his take-no-prisoners approach to national leadership. Addressing Brooks, Trump said: “Arthur, I don’t know if I agree with you.” Moments later, the

president took aim at his opponents – Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi was seated at the head table – calling them “dishonest and corrupt people” who have “done everything possible to destroy us.” “They know what they are doing is wrong, but they put themselves far ahead of our great country,” he added. “I don’t like people who use their faith as justification for doing what they know is wrong. Nor do I like people who say I pray for you, when they know that that’s not so. So many people have been hurt, and we can’t let that go on.” The question that loomed over the online debates that followed the prayer breakfast was whether Trump – by rejecting the “love your enemies” commandment – was signaling his disagreement with Brooks or with Jesus. Conservative columnist Cal Thomas, for three decades the host of a media dinner linked to the National Prayer Breakfast, mourned this lost opportunity for some sense of reconciliation after a brutal week of political warfare. “If the person who believes he or she has been wronged by another reaches out and offers forgiveness,” he wrote, “it can have the effect of disarming the other person and lowering the political

and personal temperature. ... Perhaps it is time to suspend this annual event, or to hold it without this president attending if he can’t accept the nonpartisan theme that has been its tradition for nearly seven decades.” Another religious conservative, in an online piece framed as a personal letter to Trump, called for a change in White House tone that would be appropriate, both as a faith statement and as a political strategy. “You believe in deals. So maybe you can make a deal for us,” wrote Hunter Baker, dean of arts and sciences at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. “Please don’t shame us by attending events like the National Prayer Breakfast and turning a meeting based on faith into another avenue for political combat.” Instead, he suggested that Trump ponder another piece of scripture, Romans 12, verse 20: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Baker told the president: “Maybe you should try that.” *Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*

## Pope cancels visit with Rome priests for ‘slight’ illness

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is sick and skipped a planned Mass with Rome clergy across town on Thursday, officials said. The Vatican said the 83-year-old pontiff had a “slight indisposition” and would proceed with the rest of his planned work on Thursday. But Francis “preferred to stay near Santa Marta,” the Vatican hotel where he lives. There was no word from the Vatican about the nature of his illness, but the pope was seen coughing and blowing his nose during the Ash Wednesday Mass. It comes amid an outbreak of the coronavirus in Italy that has sickened more than 400 people, almost all of them in the north. Rome had three cases, but all three were cured. Francis had been scheduled to go to the St. John Lateran basilica across town to meet with Rome

clergy and celebrate a penitential Mass at the start of Lent. Francis is bishop of Rome, but delegates the day-to-day running of the archdiocese to a vicar. The Argentine pope has generally enjoyed good health. He lost part of one lung as a young man because of a respiratory illness, and suffers from sciatica, which makes walking difficult. Francis has had a busy schedule lately, including his public general audience on Wednesday and the Ash Wednesday service later in the day in a Roman basilica. During the audience, Francis made a point to shake hands with the faithful in the front row, kissed a baby during his popemobile spin through St. Peter’s Square and greeted visiting bishops at the end. The prelates, however, appeared to be refraining from kissing his ring or embracing him, as they normally would do.

### Kathryn Lopez



There were women weeping in a chapel here. One named Veronica was something like inconsolable. She was talking about the crucifixion of Christ as if it was happening right then and there. She was feeling it. She was overwhelmed by the love of a God who would save humanity from the misery of sin and finality of death by coming into the world as a baby and dying such a brutal death. Through their tears, women were giving thanks to God for a successful three-day mission here at America’s largest Catholic parish, St. Matthew’s, led by a group of largely lay missionaries called Hard as Nails. The mission – which is basically a retreat over a few days – came just weeks before the start of the 40-day season of Lent, which prepares hearts for the celebration of Easter. These women were particularly overwhelmed

## God’s revolutionary love

because Father Peter John Cameron, a Dominican priest who is the director of information at Hard as Nails and a well-respected writer and preacher, brought around a receptacle containing what Catholics believe is the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist on the third and final night of the mission. This was the closest some of them had ever been to that Eucharistic presence – usually they adore from afar. And the nearness of their Lord and Savior consumed them with really just about every emotion known to man. The Pew Research Center has found lately that many Catholics don’t believe that Jesus is literally present in the ancient rite of the Eucharist. That’s not entirely news to me – sometimes you can see it in how people approach the Mass or any tabernacle, in the casual ways with which we can sometimes regard some of the sacraments of the Church. But with an experience like this one at the mission – that’s a matter of faith that is going to be difficult to take for granted anytime soon. Truly confronting the truth of

what you profess to believe can be a radicalizing experience in life, an opportunity for renewal and gift to the world around you. When the Beatitudes become your oxygen, when works of mercy become your marching orders, you can’t just go through the motions of what you profess to believe. Part of the goal of the mission lies at the heart of Hard as Nails’ reason for existence: To make sure no one suffers alone. And is there any doubt that there is suffering everywhere in the world? Don’t you see it everywhere you look? So, what can we do to make sure no one carries their burdens alone? I first really got to know Hard as Nails when I spent time with its members at the commissioning of lay missionaries at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. And what has become clear to me interacting with them since is that their love of the Gospel could truly change things in our country and the world. There’s both an urgency and a peace about Hard as Nails founder Justin Fatica. The urgency

is the kind of restlessness Saint Augustine wrote about – our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, God – and it’s also a keen sensitivity to the suffering that people experience in their lives, all around us. Which brings us back to the women in the chapel. Their faith is not abstract to them. Their faith is not a safe harbor in a storm. Their faith is the reality of a God who intervenes in the world, who is a revolutionary force of goodness. Their lives have meaning because they were made by and for a loving God. And knowledge of that changes everything. The mission of the people who experience an encounter with Jesus is to share that love with everyone they meet. Wouldn’t that be something if all Christians did this? Wouldn’t that change things? *Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at [klopez@nationalreview.com](mailto:klopez@nationalreview.com).*






# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD


**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

## BAPTIST


**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.


## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church**, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am.


## LUTHERAN

 **Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org


**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlwabash@gmail.com.

## UNITED METHODIST

 **First United Methodist Church**, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostettler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director.

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



## THE RIGHT INFLUENCE



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Who says dogs and cats can't get along? It's all in how they are raised. The same is true in our relationships with one another. Given the right influences in our early years, we learn respect and tolerance, kindness and forgiveness. Our house of worship can have a considerable influence on our children – and on us! As part of our religious education, we learn that relationships with others are an expression of our relationship with God. Our love of God is reflected in how we treat others. As Peter says, "...live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers..." (1 Peter 3:8) Worship together as a family every week; be influenced by God's love!

Daily Bible Reading						
Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Matthew	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
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the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

Eagles Lodge plans concert

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles has planned a concert of the Steel Rail Band at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at 140 Walter St. There is no cost, alcohol will be available for purchase and all attendees must be 18 years or older.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Manchester to replace Sunday's film festival offering

Manchester University is unable to present "Visages, Villages (Faces, Places)" this Sunday. Instead of canceling the movie, it is being replaced with "TazzeKa," a comedy about a young Moroccan man who uses secrets of cooking he learned from his grandmother to leave home and pursue a career as a chef in Paris. It is set for 1 p.m. Sunday, March 1, in Cordier Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public. The showing is part of the Tournées Film

Festival, a series of six films by francophone directors, through March 12 on its North Manchester campus.

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for March 2

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, March 2, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. UWIS interpretive naturalist Shelly Reed will present the "Civilian Conservation Corps of Indiana" through an engaging trivia presentation. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Ham and beans will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Spring' March 3

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Spring" 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

Film festival continues March 3 at Manchester

Manchester University will present "120 Battements Par Minute" ("BPM – Beats Per Minute") at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 in the Cordier Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to

3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email [CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu](mailto:CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu).

Peace studies expert delves into 'Harry Potter,' 'The Hunger Games' in Manchester speech

Siobhán McEvoy-Levy will speak about "Entertaining Peace in Youth Cultures: From Harry Potter to The Hunger Games" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center at the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. It is free and open to the public.

Create glass-on-glass framed mosaic image inspired by nature

The multi-day classes instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5; Wednesday, March 11; Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17, at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants should plan to attend each meeting. The cost is \$60 per person. Each participant will choose one: either a bee, red-tailed hawk or box turtle for their project. All materials will be supplied. All classes require advance registration with a deadline of Sunday, March 1. Space is limited. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show

The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium. The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

Wabash Marketplace announces March First Friday details

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday encourages the community to celebrate in downtown Wabash from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 6. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org), or call 260-563-0975.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Richvalley Lions Club plans semi-annual Tenderloin Day

The Richvalley Lions Club has planned a semi-annual Tenderloin Day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St. Hand-breaded tenderloins, baked potato, applesauce, baked beans, pickles, bread and butter will be served. The cost is \$9 each and children ages 10 to 12 will be \$5. Carry-outs will be available, and it will be all-you-can-eat for dine-in only.

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Company to close Indianapolis site, lay off 199 workers

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis asset financing and fleet management company has told the state it plans to close its Indianapolis facility, eliminating 199 jobs.

19th Capital Group filed a notice with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development this week saying layoffs will begin on or about March 27 and

most will occur over 14 days beginning April 27. The affected positions include sales reps, accounts receivable analysts, truck maintenance workers and drivers.

Its website says 19th Capital Group provides asset financing and fleet management solutions for the North American trucking industry.

Train hauling crude oil derails in NW Indiana, no oil spills

EAST CHICAGO — A freight train hauling tanker cars loaded with crude oil partially derailed in northwestern Indiana after dozens of the cars disconnected from the rest of the train, officials said.

After 41 tanker cars somehow became disconnected Wednesday evening from the CSX train's conductor car, several cars on the east-bound train derailed in East

Chicago. Hazardous materials teams were sent to the site, but officials said no oil was spilled and no injuries were reported.

Between five and 10 cars needed to be uprighted following the accident, which led authorities to temporarily evacuate some nearby businesses, the East Chicago Fire Department said.

The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.

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## If doc's accusers settle with Ohio State, trustee can OK it

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — If Ohio State reaches a settlement with the men suing over decades-old sexual abuse by the late team doctor Richard Strauss, the chairman of the university's trustees will be empowered to represent that board in approving such matters.

Authorizing the chairman to act on the board's behalf is meant to help expedite a settlement if one is reached, according to the resolution the trustees passed Thursday.

About 350 men have sued Ohio State in federal court, alleging school officials knew concerns about Strauss decades ago but failed to stop him. The university has acknowledged that it failed to prevent and investigate the abuse during Strauss' tenure, and it has promised a "monetary resolution" for those he abused.

The lawsuits have been in private mediation for months with no sign of progress toward a settlement. Lawyers for nearly half of the plaintiffs recently asked a judge to let the litigation resume, contending the university hasn't participated in good faith.

Ohio State officials have said that isn't true, and the newly approved measure specified that the school "remains actively committed to a resolution with the plaintiffs."

## Churchill Downs, Keeneland announce safety reforms

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Keeneland and Churchill Downs will enact safety reforms that include the race-day ban of Lasix for 2-year-olds along with mandatory veterinary inspections before workouts and race entry.

The measures announced Thursday include enhanced reporting of horses' fitness for trainers and vets. They will take effect for spring meets at Keeneland and Churchill that begin in April and apply to horses stabled at both tracks' training centers. Bill Thomason and Kevin Flanery, the respective presidents of Keeneland and Churchill Downs, said in a joint statement the reforms "further advance our commitment to create the safest possible environment for racing and training."

To participate at either track, trainers and attending vets must agree not to enter a horse unless the vet says it is fit to race three days before entry. Trainers also cannot work a horse unless the vet finds him fit five days beforehand.

Changes in a horse's fitness after an examination must be reported to the tracks' respective equine medical director and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Horses at both tracks will also undergo veterinary inspections and monitoring by the medical directors.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Wabash's Dereck Vogel drives into the lane during a fastbreak in last week's match-up against Blackford.

Jacob Rude / Plain Dealer

# Wabash looks for outright TRC title

By JACOB RUDE  
sports@wabashplaindealer.com

In the final night of regular season action, an exciting Three Rivers Conference (TRC) finale is set to end the season with a bang.

**Wabash (17-4) vs. Peru (16-5), 7:45 p.m.**

While the Apaches

clinched a share of the TRC title with last week's win over Whitko, Wabash could make history on Friday. The Apaches have never finished with an unblemished TRC record and a win at Peru would finish off a perfect run through conference play.

The Tigers, though, present potentially the toughest test of the conference

season. Peru is 16-5 on the year with one loss in TRC play, that coming in double overtime to Maconaquah.

Treyden Curtis and Daunte Majors are the Tigers' top two leading scorers, the former averaging 13.8 points per game and the latter 13.4 per contest. As a team, the Tigers average 59.4 points per game, just a tick below Wabash's

59.6 points per game.

Defensively, Peru allows 52.5 points per game, notably higher than Wabash's 48.9 points per game allowed average. The Apaches sport the best defense in the TRC this season and have the highest average margin of victory.

Trenton Daughtry leads

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## MLB

# Pearson one of many talented young Blue Jays

By DAVID BRANDT  
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Toronto Blue Jays already have an intriguing young lineup with Bo Bichette, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Cavan Biggio hoping to build off promising 2019 seasons.

A hard-throwing pitching prospect could be joining them in the big leagues soon.

Right-hander Nate Pearson had a dominant spring debut for the Blue Jays on Tuesday, striking out the side in a one-inning start. The 23-year-old was Toronto's

first-round draft pick in 2017 and had a breakout season in 2019, striking out 119 batters over 101 2/3 innings and getting promoted from Single-A to Triple-A by the end of the year.

The 6-foot-6, 245-pound Pearson has the upside of a future ace and has a shot to earn a spot in the Blue Jays' opening day rotation alongside newly acquired Hyun-Jin Ryu, who signed an \$80 million, four-year deal in the offseason. But even if Toronto decides he needs more experience in the minors, there's little doubt he's a big part of their future plans.

Other players who are off to a good start in the Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues:

**New York Yankees, RHP Jonathan Loaisiga**

It's been a rough start to the spring for the Yankees, who are already dealing with multiple injuries. Now that Luis Severino is out for the year and James Paxton will miss extended time, the starting rotation needs a few younger pitchers to emerge.

One intriguing possibility is the 25-year-old Jonathan Loaisiga. The hard-throwing right-hander has spent parts

of the past two seasons in the big leagues and finished with a 2-2 record, 4.55 ERA and 37 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings in 2019. He pitched a scoreless inning in his spring debut Sunday.

**Tampa Bay Rays, OF Randy Arozarena**

The speedy Arozarena was acquired by the Rays in a trade with the St. Louis Cardinals during the offseason. The 24-year-old has had a great start to his spring, going 5 for 7 at the plate with a

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Gibbs scores with 0.1 seconds left, Irish beat BC 62-61

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — T.J. Gibbs watched Prentiss Hubb bring the ball down in the final seconds and went to get himself in position for a rebound.

Then the Notre Dame point guard ran into a dead end at the free-throw line.

"He had two guys on him," Gibbs said. "We had some sort of telepathy, because he saw it immediately. We made eye contact, and he

threw it right away. That was all him. I was just in the right spot at the right time."

Gibbs took the pass from Hubb and flipped in the game-winner with 0.1 seconds left, and John Mooney scored 22 points with 12 rebounds to help Notre Dame beat Boston College 62-61 in an Ash Wednesday match-up of the longtime Catholic school rivals.

"It was a broken play," BC coach Jim Christian said. "They made a great play.

They made a shot."

BC led by as many as 10 points in the first half and had the lead with 8 seconds remaining when Jay Heath made a scoop shot over Mooney from the lane — one of five lead changes in the final four minutes.

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey has a rule that with more than four seconds left, his team is supposed to push the ball up court without calling a timeout.

Hubb did just that, and then

had the good sense not to force a bad shot against two defenders.

"Hubb did a great job of not shooting a crazy one right there and pivoted one more time. A lot of times the defense is in a little bit of a panic mode," Brey said. "I loved our poise."

The Fighting Irish (18-10, 9-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their third straight game since losing to No. 7 Duke on Feb. 15. They also avoided a losing twice

## NFL

# Ohio State star Young follows in Bosa's footsteps

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Chase Young wants to follow in fellow Ohio State star Nick Bosa's NFL footsteps, and he probably won't have to wait all that long to start.

The freakishly athletic defensive end who's widely viewed as the best player coming out of college — just as Bosa was — figures to start off his pro career just as the 2019 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year did: as the second selection in the draft behind a hot-shot, Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback.

Bosa helped lead the 49ers to the Super Bowl after he watched Arizona make Kyler Murray of Oklahoma the top overall pick in last year's draft.

"Nick, he's always setting the standard. That's just motivation for me to achieve a lot of real good things," Young said Thursday during his media session at the NFL scouting combine. "It's definitely been a blessing to watch him grow into the player that he is. He's definitely helped me along this passage. He hasn't stopped. I'm just grateful to be able to see him grow."

And to follow suit.

"It's going to be exciting," Young said. "I'm definitely excited to play with the big dogs and excited to show the world what I can do."

Like Bosa 11 months ago, Young is the consensus cream of this year's crop, an All-Pro in waiting, said NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, who compares Young to Julius Peppers and Mario Williams.

"I definitely think I'm the best player in the draft," Young declared. "I think I showed it on my tape. You can go to every game. I think I showed it. I definitely think I'll put my best foot forward this year. I grinded hard. Two of my biggest things are my hard work and dedication and I'm going to bring those two to the NFL with me."

Young is considered a generational talent, but Joe Burrow, who led LSU to the national title, is expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the draft in April.

That selection is owned by the Cincinnati Bengals, and Burrow said this week he wouldn't have any qualms playing for them despite their lack of Super Bowl success.

Burrow grew up in Athens, Ohio, about 2½ hours away, and he cracked this week that he'd be able to head out for some home cooking now and again if Cincinnati indeed selects him.

Young would be even closer to his hometown if the Washington Redskins grab him at No. 2.

He was raised in Upper

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# MLB appoints first black umpire crew chief

**By BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Kerwin Danley became the first African American umpire crew chief in Major League Baseball when a series of promotions, additions and retirements were announced Thursday.

The moves included Alfonso Marquez being elevated to the first Hispanic crew chief in MLB history born outside the United States and second overall.

Crew chiefs Jeff Kellogg, Dana DeMuth, Gary Cederstrom and Mike Everitt have

retired. Kellogg and Everitt will move into jobs as MLB umpire supervisors.

Dan Iassogna and Jim Reynolds were promoted to crew chiefs.

Ramon De Jesus, who worked his first big league game in 2016 as a minor league fill-in, moved up and became the first Dominican-born umpire on the MLB staff. Also getting full-time jobs in the majors were Ryan Blakney, Chris Segal and Jansen Visconti.

Nic Lentz also joined the MLB umpire roster, replacing the late Eric Cooper.

The 58-year-old Danley

has worked two World Series and 10 other postseason rounds, along with two All-Star Games. He called his first game in the majors in 1992 and was hired to the MLB staff in 1998.

Danley played college ball at San Diego State and was a first-team All-America outfielder in 1983 when he batted .399. His teammates with the Aztecs included future Hall of Fame outfielder Tony Gwynn — Danley’s roommate — and current Colorado manager Bud Black. In a neat coincidence, Danley was the first base umpire when Gwynn got his 3,000th

hit during a 1999 game in Montreal and gave his former teammate a hug by the bag.

Danley began his umpiring career in 1985 in the Northwest League, and kept working his way up through the minors. He is known for having an even temperament, always an attractive quality when MLB picks its crew chiefs. He has totaled just four ejections in the past five seasons, according to retrosheet.org.

He also was an instructor at the first umpire camp at MLB’s Urban Youth Academy in Compton, California. There have been about 10

full-time African American umpires in the majors since Emmett Ashford ascended to become the first in 1966. There have been several blacks in MLB umpire leadership positions, including Peter Woodfork, senior vice president of baseball operations, supervisor Cris Jones and the late Chuck Meriwether, a longtime big league umpire who became a supervisor.

The 47-year-old Marquez joins former ump Richie Garcia, who was born in Florida, as Hispanic crew chiefs. Marquez was the first Mexican-born umpire to work in

the majors, starting in 1999.

Marquez has worked three World Series, 15 other postseason rounds and two All-Star Games.

DeMuth was a major league umpire for 36 years and called five World Series. Kellogg also earned five World Series assignments while spending more than 27 years on the staff.

Cederstrom was at second base for Game 7 of the World Series last year, the fourth time he worked the Fall Classic over 26 years. Everitt was an MLB umpire for 21 years and had three World Series assignments.

## Whiff: Nats closer Doolittle calmed by lavender oil on glove

**By HOWARD FENDRICH**  
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Washington Nationals reliever Sean Doolittle moves a glove out of the way as he reaches into a shelf in his spring training locker and grabs a different one, which he then hands over with a simple, if unusual, instruction:

“Smell it.”

So, of course, you do — getting a sweet whiff of lavender, the sort you might get from a candle or bowl of potpourri. And now you know what Doolittle sniffed each time he jutted his right elbow toward home plate and tucked his glove under his chin to get his catcher’s signs during last season’s World Series.

At the suggestion of Washington’s director of mental conditioning, Mark Campbell, Doolittle put lavender oil on the leather laces around the webbing of his glove for the postseason. It helped the lefty relax on the mound after a rocky regular season, much the way the bullpen as a whole morphed from disaster to asset in 2019, a trend of improvement the club figures will continue in 2020.

“I was so nervous during the playoffs. I was just a big ball of stress. Lavender has a lot of calming and soothing to it,” Doolittle explained last week. “When I came set, I could smell it. It worked, man.”

In October, he produced two saves and three holds, a 1.74 ERA and a .167 opponents’ batting average as the Nationals went 8-1 in his appearances along the way to a championship.

“When you’re a reliever and pitching in high-leverage situations in must-win games, and you’re on-call every night for like a month, it starts to take its toll on you. And it’s a challenge to stay even-keeled and to really manage that energy. That’s the hardest part,” Doolittle said. “(Campbell) helped me out a lot. My regular season did not go the way I wanted it to go, but I was very proud of the way I was able to get myself together and be really effective in the playoffs.”

The same could be said about Washington’s entire relief corps.

Doolittle wound up with his most appearances (63) since 2013, a career-worst ERA of 4.05, a 6-5 record and six blown chances — twice as many as in 2017 and 2018 combined — to go with a career-high 29 saves.

He was part of unit that had an ERA above 5.50, but got help at the trade deadline. Acquiring Daniel Hudson from Toronto, in particular, was key, even if additions Roenis Elias and Hunter Strickland dealt with injuries.

“On paper,” pitching coach

Paul Menhart said, “we are a lot stronger.”

General manager Mike Rizzo brought back Hudson (\$11 million, two years) and brought aboard Will Harris, a free agent from Houston (\$24 million, three years).

Both can take on some of the late-inning responsibilities that Doolittle bore so often, getting worn out before heading to the injured list in August with a knee issue.

Elias (14 saves for Seattle in 2019) and Strickland (14 saves for San Francisco in 2018) have closer experience. Tanner Rainey can throw 100 mph and owns a tough slider. So Rizzo should be able to forgo his usual in-season ‘pen padding.

“Definitely is a good feeling knowing that we started spring training with a bunch of guys that have competed in the back end of the bullpen,” manager Dave Martinez said. “If one of the guys needs a day off — or two — you have another guy that can cover. To have those guys here, whew, it was definitely on our list of ‘to-dos.’ I’m going to like looking down at that sheet of paper, going, ‘Oh we’ve got Harris. We’ve got Hudson. We’ve got a healthy Strickland. And ‘Doo’ to close it out.”

Like Doolittle’s special, scented postseason glove, several teammates have some sort of 2019 memento they’ve held onto.

In a closet at home, Hudson keeps the glove he chucked after recording the last out against the Astros in Game 7 — the initials of his wife and two oldest daughters are stitched on there; he used a marker to write the initials of his third daughter, who was born during the NL Championship Series against the Cardinals. Yellow-tinted sunglasses worn in the dugout for good luck sit in starter Anibal Sánchez’s locker. Outfielder Michael A.

Taylor stored for safekeeping the baseball he dove to catch, with Doolittle on the mound, to end the NL Division Series against the Dodgers (Taylor says a teammate unsuccessfully tried to take that ball during the on-field scrum, but wouldn’t reveal who).

When Doolittle heads out for the ninth inning this year, he’ll have to do so with a new piece of leather: He switched glove companies in the off-season.

Might replicate that lavender treatment, though.

“I now associate that smell with having success in high-leverage situations. And managing myself. There’s really positive energy associated with that: We won the World Series. I got to contribute. And I pitched pretty well,” he said. “So there’s definitely a connection there for me. It’s definitely been ingrained, so we’ll probably stick with it.”

## Former Michigan wrestlers urge more victims to ‘speak up’

**By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER AND LARRY LAGE**  
Associated Press

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — The whistleblower whose letter to University of Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel alleging sexual assault sparked an investigation into a former school doctor says he was inspired by the women who testified against convicted Michigan State physician Larry Nassar.

An attorney for Tad DeLuca said Thursday that his client complained to his wrestling coach in 1975 that Dr. Robert E. Anderson molested him during medical exams. In response, then-coach Bill Johannesen humiliated DeLuca, kicked him off the team and effectively removed his financial assistance, the attorney said.

“I spoke up again by letter in 2018 after hearing an NPR story about the MSU gymnasts, women who I am in awe of,” DeLuca said at a news conference in suburban Detroit. “Once again, the University of Michigan ignored me.

“I’m here today to speak up again, to let the University of Michigan know that I will not be ignored.”

DeLuca’s 2018 letter of complaint about Anderson, now deceased, led to a university police investigation that became public last week. Two other former Michigan wrestlers who allege they were abused by Anderson also spoke to reporters Thursday: Tom Evashevski and Andy Hrovat, the first athlete to publicly say Anderson molested him.

Evashevski was in school with DeLuca at Michigan in the mid-1970s. Hrovat was a star wrestler in the late 1990s for the Wolverines and went on

to compete for the U.S. at the 2008 Olympics.

“These were and are physically and mentally tough men,” said attorney Parker Stinar, who represents the trio. “But they were all victims of sexual abuse and victims of an institution that ignored warning after warning after warning about a predator preying on young individuals.”

DeLuca put his complaints about Anderson in writing in 1975 in a letter to Johannesen. Subsequently, Johannesen read DeLuca’s letter to his teammates in an effort to humiliate him, kicked him off the team and took away his scholarship, according to Stinar.

Johannesen denied in interviews this week with The Associated Press that any of his student-athletes ever told him Anderson touched them inappropriately.

“You can’t call him a coach,” said DeLuca, a retired teacher in northern Michigan. “‘Coach’ is a term of endearment.”

Stinar predicts “hundreds of more victims” will emerge, saying his firm already represents more than a dozen. The Denver-based attorney met with the school’s general counsel Thursday afternoon.

“For nearly four decades, the University of Michigan allowed Dr. Anderson to prey on vulnerable young individuals away from home for the first time,” Stinar said. “I ask the University of Michigan this: Why didn’t you act in 1975 or earlier to prevent the sexual abuse of possibly hundreds of other victims?”

Hours after the news conference, the University of Michigan released a statement.

“The three brave men who came forward today to share their stories

delivered a powerful message,” the statement read. “We want to encourage everyone harmed by Robert E. Anderson or who has evidence of his misconduct to come forward. At the University of Michigan, we want to hear your voices.”

School officials have acknowledged some school employees were aware of accusations against Anderson prior to DeLuca’s 2018 complaint. Last week, the university’s president apologized to “anyone who was harmed” by Anderson and offered counseling services.

The school launched an investigation into the doctor’s behavior following abuse allegations from five people and also established a hotline for those who came into contact with Anderson.

DeLuca hopes more people follow his lead.

“Everybody who was abused by this doctor, the doctor everyone knew was doing this, was abusing athletes and students, should speak up and let everyone know they will not be ignored,” DeLuca said. “It just, it has to stop. Period.”

Separately, the Ann Arbor school district said it’s investigating whether Anderson had a role with local schools. A police report suggested he performed sports physicals years ago.

“This is the first time we have heard this information,” Superintendent Jeanice Swift said.

The Flint district said it confirmed that someone with Anderson’s name was an employee at some point, but “we do not have information about his employment history.”

“We encourage anyone with information regarding this matter to contact local law enforcement,” the district said.

## Awestruck Ted Simmons marvels at the Baseball Hall of Fame

**By JOHN KEKIS**  
Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Ted Simmons just had to stop and soak it all in.

“It’s totally overwhelming and humbling, to say the very least,” Simmons said Thursday as he gazed at the Baseball Hall of Fame’s plaque gallery after a tour of the sport’s shrine. “You’re asking yourself every five seconds — what on earth makes you feel as though you belong in this place? I’m not big on false humility. I’m here to say that if you can’t come to grips with what’s really happening here and what this place is all about, you sure as hell don’t belong here.”

Simmons belongs now — at age 70 and more than three decades after his last game. He was elected in December by the modern era committee, becoming the first player to be picked for enshrinement after being on the writers’ ballot just one year. He’ll be inducted July 26 with Derek Jeter, Larry Walker and the late Marvin Miller, the former players’ association head.

An eight-time All-Star catcher during a 21-year career with the St. Louis Cardinals (1968-80), Milwaukee Brewers (1981-85), and Atlanta Braves (1986-88), the switch-hitter batted .285 with 248 homers and 1,389 RBIs. When he retired, Simmons

held the major league record for hits (2,472) and doubles (483) by a catcher to go along with 248 home runs and 1,389 RBIs, the latter figure the second-highest by a player who played at least 50 percent of his games at the position. (Former New York Yankees star Yogi Berra holds that record with 1,430 and Iván Rodríguez now tops the hit list with 2,844).

And yet Simmons was named on only 3.7 percent of the votes in 1994, just shy of the 5 percent threshold needed to remain on the ballot. He also missed by one vote two years ago when Alan Trammell and Jack Morris were picked by the modern era committee.

None of that mattered on this day. “I really, honestly, would not have changed anything,” said Simmons, who since retiring as a player after the 1988 season has worked for six major league teams as general manager, director of player personnel, scout and coach. “There’s a reason specifically I feel that way — because over my lifetime and my career in baseball, many people in here only had a career as an active player. But in the context of my post-playing years, it has exposed me to so much more and to so many other people that hired me and I have grown to know professionally and love individually. So much more has happened and so many more people have been

included. They made this a real joy.”

One by one, Simmons walked to the plaques of several of his former teammates — Bob Gibson, Lou Brock, Steve Carlton, Rollie Fingers, Robin Yount, Paul Molitor — made a brief dash back to touch the plaques of boyhood heroes Al Kaline and Mickey Mantle, then touched those of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner before signing the wall where his will be placed.

“In the context of my personal statistics, it gets kind of small in a place like this,” said Simmons, who was accompanied by wife Maryanne. “I feel a little uncomfortable talking about it, and that’s genuine. It’s not about what your stats were because they’re dwarfed in a place like this, and it’s not borderline ridiculous to talk about your stats. It is ridiculous.”

Simmons said his induction speech is with him all the time, pointing at his head below his left ear. And he’s ready to deliver it.

“It should be (there), and I’m glad,” he said. “The gorilla is the speech, but the gorilla is under control. I’m looking very much forward to this thing. It’s going to be extraordinary. I can’t wait.”

Before he gets to deliver that speech, he and Maryanne will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

Can’t get much better than that. “You talk about a good year. 2020? Very nice,” he said.

## Vettel fastest for Ferrari, Hamilton has engine trouble in preseason testing

MONTMELÓ, Spain (AP) — Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel clocked the fastest lap on the penultimate day of Formula One preseason testing on Thursday, while Lewis Hamilton’s session was cut short by mechanical trouble.

Hamilton’s Mercedes came to a stop on the track at the

Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit, bringing out a red flag and causing the six-time champion to miss the day’s final two hours of running.

Mercedes said the stoppage was caused by an “oil pressure anomaly” that they will investigate.

“Testing didn’t quite go to plan today but we’ll come

back better and stronger tomorrow,” Hamilton wrote on Twitter.

Valtteri Bottas was behind the wheel of the Mercedes in the morning session.

Hamilton took over after lunch and only managed 14 laps before he had to call it quits.

“It’s frustrating when

there’s only six days of winter testing, to be spending half of one day in the garage,” Mercedes technical director James Allison said.

Vettel posted a flying lap of 1 minute, 16.841 seconds, the best time for him or Ferrari teammate Charles Leclerc over five days of testing.

Bottas has clocked the fastest time of any driver in the preseason so far with a lap of 1 minute, 15.732 seconds.

Rain fell early but the sun emerged and made for better racing conditions.

“This was a good day,” Vettel said. “Having said that, I don’t think today’s times mean much, because, out of

the five days of testing we have done here so far, today’s track conditions were definitely the worst.”

Vettel knows how deceptive speeds at testing can be. Last year, Ferrari was the fastest in the preseason, only to be blown away by Mercedes once the real racing began.



# Democrats focus on Super Tuesday even as S. Carolina looms

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Bernie Sanders will swing through North Carolina, Virginia and Massachusetts in the coming days. Elizabeth Warren will make stops in Texas and Arkansas. Amy Klobuchar will be in Tennessee and Virginia.

The South Carolina primary is just two days away, but the race is quickly going national as candidates pivot to the 14 states that vote on Tuesday.

The move is in part a recognition of Joe Biden’s strength in South Carolina, with most of the focus on the margin of his victory and who might come in second place. But it’s also an effort to tap into the hundreds of delegates at stake in the “Super Tuesday” contests. About a third of the delegates needed to secure the Democratic nomination will be on the table.

The tight turnaround between Saturday’s primary in South Carolina and the contests that follow on Tuesday is creating a hectic stretch for campaigns.

“What happens in South Carolina does matter, mostly because of what the coverage is going to be over the three days leading up to Super Tuesday. If someone seems out of the running, they’re going to lose value,” said Achim Bergmann, a Democratic strategist whose firm does work in a number of Super Tuesday states. “It’s a tough deal for the candidates who are perceived to be at the lower rungs at

the moment to figure out where can they get some juice.”

New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg has sought to bypass the traditional early voting states including South Carolina to focus exclusively on the Super Tuesday states. But even he had to balance the competing demands as he qualified for Tuesday’s debate in Charleston. He went back to New York after the debate only to return to South Carolina the next day to appear at a CNN town hall.

Bloomberg will be in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina — all Super Tuesday states — over the next several days.

The strains on some candidates are evident. Pete Buttigieg hoppedscotched from Nevada on Saturday to Colorado and South Carolina by Sunday morning. He then hit Virginia before returning to South Carolina.

But even a meticulously crafted schedule can fall apart. Buttigieg had planned to swing down to Florida, which votes later in March, for three private fundraisers Wednesday. He abruptly canceled the events and a public campaign stop in the Miami area because of illness. His aides said he had flu-like symptoms.

Buttigieg met with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and did media interviews in Washington, D.C., before returning to South Carolina on Thursday for another round of campaigning.

Jim Messina, a top aide on both of Barack Obama’s

presidential campaigns, said Buttigieg is in a bind when it comes to the South Carolina-Super Tuesday dance.

“It is a big deal” for his campaign if Buttigieg doesn’t perform in South Carolina, he said, because “more people like me are going to say on TV he can’t get the minority vote, and that’s not helpful to his narrative.”

Indeed, strategists in key Super Tuesday states say voters there are watching to see what happens in South Carolina before they make up their minds.

“Anybody who defies expectations and does better than you expect, it just builds a stronger narrative for them,” said Matt Angle, a Texas Democratic strategist.

Texas offers the second-biggest delegate pot on Super Tuesday, with 228 pledged delegates, and Buttigieg and Biden are expected to campaign there after South Carolina votes. But other candidates, including Sanders, Warren and Bloomberg, have all made stops there this week.

Biden wasn’t doing much outside South Carolina, where his flagging campaign is seeking its first win of the primary season. Likewise, billionaire Tom Steyer has essentially hunkered down in the state, while Bloomberg, who participated in the debate, has all but ignored the early four contests and instead will campaign across a handful of Southern states that vote next week.

Buttigieg was not alone in trying to stir fundraising events into the mix. Klobuchar held a fundraiser in

Charleston on Monday and was to duck out Thursday for one in North Carolina and another Friday in Tennessee, along with campaign events in both states over the two-day stretch.

And Sanders had plans to dash up to North Carolina, a conveniently situated March 3 primary state, on Wednesday and again Thursday, when he also plans to cross into Virginia. While other candidates are making their final pitches in South Carolina, Sanders was also scheduled to make two campaign stops in Massachusetts, home turf for Warren and a critical Super Tuesday state.

“It’s a very difficult time, logistically, to try to balance all this,” acknowledged Sanders adviser Jeff Weaver. “Suddenly, now you have contests all across the country, and candidates just have to do the best they can.”

Weaver underscored the stakes for candidates who head into Super Tuesday unprepared to compete, noting that in 2016, Hillary Clinton’s delegate lead coming out of the day’s contests was tough to overcome.

But for much of the field, the Super Tuesday fight isn’t just about racking up delegates — it’s about survival.

“Candidates who just haven’t moved by Super Tuesday — 41 percent of the delegates are gone. You’re not really going to have a chance at the nomination. Your money’s going to dry up very quickly,” Messina said. “I think you’ll soon after see some of these also-ran candidates out of this race.”

# Loughlin, Giannulli set for trial in college scam

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BOSTON — TV actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, will go on trial in October on charges that they bribed their daughters’ way into the University of Southern California, a federal judge said Thursday.

The judge set the trial date a day after defense attorneys claimed that new evidence would exonerate the couple of charges in the college admissions bribery scheme that has embroiled prestigious universities across the country.

The famous couple will be tried starting Oct. 5 in Boston federal court alongside six other prominent parents accused of rigging the college admissions process. Seven others still fighting the charges will go to trial in January 2021, U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gordon said.

Loughlin, who played Aunt Becky on the sitcom “Full House,” and Giannulli are accused of paying \$500,000 to get their daughters into USC as recruits to the rowing team, though neither of them was a rower. Authorities say Loughlin and Giannulli helped create fake athletic profiles for the teens by sending the consultant at the center of the scheme, Rick Singer, photos of their teens posing on rowing machines.

The money was funneled through a sham charity operated by Singer, who has pleaded guilty to orchestrating the scheme, authorities say.

Loughlin and Giannulli’s lawyers had urged the judge to delay the setting of the trial dates in light of new evidence they received from prosecutors this week. They say this evidence bolsters the couple’s claim that they believed their payments were legitimate donations, not bribes.

But the judge said the

cases need to be resolved expeditiously and instructed defense attorneys to file any motions to dismiss the case by March 13.

Loughlin and Giannulli’s attorneys said in a filing late Wednesday that prosecutors provided them with notes from Singer’s iPhone. Singer says in the notes that FBI agents yelled at him and told him to lie to get parents to say things in recorded phone calls that could be used against them.

The lawyers also say Singer’s notes indicate that FBI agents told him to lie by saying he told parents who participated in the so-called “side door” scheme that the payments were bribes, not legitimate donations.

“Loud and abrasive call with agents. They continue to ask me to tell a fib and not restate what I told my clients as to where the money was going — to the program and not the coach and that it was a donation and they want it to be a payment,” Singer wrote,

according to the filing.

Singer’s notes weren’t given to the defense until this week because the government believed they were privileged and didn’t review them further after discovering them in October 2018, prosecutors say.

Sean Berkowitz, a lawyer for the couple, said in a court filing on Thursday that prosecutors’ explanation for not handing over the evidence sooner is “bogus.” He accused the government of “egregious prosecutorial misconduct.” “The fact that someone made a donation to USC with the goal of getting their children into USC is not a crime,” BJ Trach, another attorney for Loughlin, told the judge.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Rosen told the judge that it doesn’t matter whether Singer called the payments bribes or donations, because it was still an illegal quid pro quo.

“Just because it was called a donation doesn’t make it legitimate,” Rosen said.

# About 40 percent of U.S. adults are obese, government survey finds

By **MIKE STOBBE**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — About 4 in 10 American adults are obese, and nearly 1 in 10 is severely so, government researchers said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention findings come from a 2017-18 health survey that measures height and weight. More than 5,000 U.S. adults took part.

The survey found that the obesity rate was 42 percent — higher than the 40 percent found in a similar 2015-16 study. The severe obesity rate was more than 9 percent in the new survey, up from the 8 percent figure in the previous one.

Those increases aren’t considered statistically significant: The survey

numbers are small enough that there’s a mathematical chance the rates didn’t truly rise.

But it’s clear that adult obesity rates are trending up, said the CDC’s Cynthia Ogden, one of the report’s authors.

A half-century ago, about 1 in 100 American adults were severely obese. Now it’s 10 times more common.

The obesity rate has risen about 40 percent in the last two decades.

The findings suggest that more Americans will get diabetes, heart disease and cancer, said Dr. William Dietz, a George Washington University obesity expert.

It also will be increasingly difficult for doctors to care for so many severely

obese people, Dietz said. He has estimated that on average, every primary care doctor treating adults has about 100 severely obese patients.

“How’s a provider going to do that? Severe obesity really requires very intensive therapy,” he said.

The CDC did not report new obesity numbers for kids and teens. That may come out later this year, Ogden said. In 2015-16, 18.5 percent of kids and teens were obese and just under 6 percent were severely obese.

Dietz faulted the government for not pushing for more measures to promote physical activity and better eating. Building more sidewalks and passing a national tax on sugary beverages could make a big

difference, he said.

Obesity — which means not merely overweight, but seriously overweight — is considered one of the nation’s leading public health problems.

It is measured by the body mass index, or BMI, a figure calculated from a person’s weight and height. A BMI of 25 or greater is considered overweight, a BMI of 30 and above is obese, and a BMI of 40 or above is severely obese.

A person who is 5-foot-4, the average height for U.S. women, is considered obese at a weight of 174 pounds and severely obese above 232 pounds. A person who is 5-foot-9, about the average height for men, is deemed obese at 203 pounds and severely obese at 270.

# Guam islanders who suffered WWII atrocities get paid

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HAGATÑA, Guam — For Antonina Palomo Cross, Japan’s occupation of Guam started with terror at church. The then-7-year-old was attending Catholic services with her family when the 1941 invasion began, setting off bomb blasts, sirens and screams.

It ended with her family surrendering their home and eventually carrying the dead body of her malnourished baby sister on a forced march to a concentration camp.

Now 85, Cross is among more than 3,000 native islanders on Guam who are expecting to get long-awaited compensation from the U.S. government for their suffering at the hands of imperial Japan during World War II.

Payments of \$10,000 to \$25,000 — federal tax money normally reserved for Guam’s coffers — will be made to those who underwent forced labor or internment, suffered severe injury or rape, or lost loved ones during the U.S. territory’s nearly three-year occupation. A 1951 peace treaty forgave Japan of the responsibility to pay reparations.

“I’m happy to get it,” Cross said after a recent meeting at central Guam’s newly opened war claims office, where she verified her payment was approved. The amount hasn’t been determined yet, but “every little bit helps,” she said.

Cross is retired from a local government job and relies on Social Security and her pension to get by. The great-grandmother said the war claims money will come in handy for manåmko’ — “elders” in the language of Guam’s indigenous Chamorro people — like her.

The United States, which first captured Guam during the Spanish-American War, had a small contingent of troops on the island when Japan invaded on the same December day that it attacked Pearl Harbor. Many were taken prisoner or killed.

But most of those affected by the occupation were Chamorro people, who suffered internment, torture, rape and beheadings. More than 1,100 are estimated to have died during the occupation.

For Cross’ family, it meant being forced from their house in Hagatña, the capital, to their rural farm about 5 miles away before being sent to a concentration camp in 1944. While living at the farm, Cross remembers hiding from foreign soldiers as she walked to her Japanese school, where she was forced to learn the Japanese language and bow in the direction of Japan with her classmates.

Her sister was among an unknown number of Chamorro children who died of malnutrition during the occupation, which ended when the U.S. returned and forced the Japanese to surrender in a bloody battle.

Receiving the compensation now is a bittersweet moment that caps decades of political efforts by Guam’s nonvoting U.S. House delegates to persuade Congress that the people of Guam deserve recognition for their suffering under Japanese occupation.

“At the time the Chamorro people were experiencing this, there was a sense of abandonment by the U.S., and that sentiment has not gone away,” former Guam Congressman Robert Underwood said.

President Barack Obama signed the Guam war claims measure in 2016. It provides \$10,000 to those who underwent forced marches or internment, or had to escape internment; \$12,000 to those who experienced forced labor or personal injury; \$15,000 to people who were severely injured or raped; and \$25,000 to children, spouses and some parents of those killed during the occu-

pation.

The amounts reflect similar war claims paid to survivors of other Japanese-occupied territories.

Many survivors say they feel guilty receiving compensation while their parents and siblings who have died did not.

Judith Perez, 76, was only a baby during the war and said she was hesitant to apply for a claim. She teared up as she said the check should be going to her parents, who have long since passed away.

“It’s great to have money, but the people who are more deserving of it are the ones who really suffered physically and mentally, but they’re gone,” she said.

A 1945 law gave Guam residents a brief window to apply for money for war damages. But the bulk of the \$8 million in payments were for property loss, not death and injury. Guam also was left out of subsequent legislation that provided compensation to U.S. citizens and others who were captured by Japan during the war.

In 2004, a federal Guam War Claims Review Commission found the U.S. had a moral obligation to compensate Guam for war damages in part because of its 1951 peace treaty with Japan.

Commission member Benjamin Cruz said the U.S. did not want to further burden Japan with reparations as it sought to recover from the war. But the treaty effectively prevented Guam from suing Japan for damages.

Yet the current program is still limited. Only those who were still alive when Obama signed the measure are eligible, and they had to apply between June 2017 and June 2018. That eliminated thousands who died over the past seven decades and anyone who missed announcements about the deadlines.

Also, the claims are to be funded with so-called Section 30 money, federal taxes that are already remitted to Guam and typically added to its general fund. The program is a compromise after decades of failed attempts to get more expansive compensation supported by both Congress and the people of Guam.

However, Guam Congressman Michael San Nicolas said the law that created the war claims program was missing language needed to allow the U.S. Treasury to release the funds. His bill to fix that error passed the Senate this month and is headed to the House.

Rather than wait and risk more war survivors dying before receiving their checks, Guam politicians decided to start issuing payments using local money meant for Medicaid.

Krystal Paco-San Agustin, spokeswoman for Guam Gov. Lourdes Leon Guerrero, said the government expects to be reimbursed with Section 30 funds once San Nicolas’ bill passes.

“It’s a small amount, and it’s definitely in no way enough to undo the pain of the past, but it’s a token of our respect, our admiration and our love for them,” Paco said.

Emotions were mixed at the war claims office as dozens lined up earlier this month, several with canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

Jesus Meno San Nicolas, 86, recalled his sister hiding in a tree to escape soldiers looking for women to rape.

He was forced to work six days a week in the rice fields as an 8-year-old, walking more than 2 miles each way every day. He also helped grow cabbage, radishes and other food for the Japanese.

His brothers had to work on the airfield. Once, a Japanese soldier told him to leave the house so he could rape a female relative. Meno San Nicolas still remembers her screaming.

He almost didn’t file a claim.

“It’s not worth it for the money, what they do to us in the family,” he said, his voice cracking with emotion.



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